

REA OF SPACE A Jon Jarl Adventure By Europe Bindre KA -

LL RIGHT, draw!" asapped Lieutenwating tensely. Silent seconds dragged by. Suddenly Jen whipped his ray-gan out of its helster in a blur of machan. "Got yeat" Jon wid.

But Jees did not fire. There was no space crock before him. He was alone in his abigwhiling away time that burg beyoy as he cruised the Asterood Bust, which was deadly dull. Nothing eves happened in the asteroids, these threemals of tiny worlds between Muss and loading they worlds between Muss

But suddenly, as he passed Asteroid X-44, Jos strifened. What was that gint of metal down there on its frozen, key surface? A wreck? Jos span his recket ship down and for the first time in weeks, excitement same theoreth bin wins.

The wreck below was strange and hige. It was a gigantic sancer-shaped structure with a big red star embiem. It didn't book like a medirm space shape of 2201 as all. Somehow it looked ascient. Jon landed and stepped cost unto the thim but invigorating air of the structure and sancers with ecumentic field.

Buddeniy, Jon caught on, "A space station" is the settlamed. "One of those seld-time artificial stations they used to build which erreled the Barth at a height of about one thousand miles. Use imp moving!" This went may back—back to about the middle of the twentieth century, before they had apoor travel. Thuy had firm built such space stations, as arily as 1633, under the fings of several automa.

But how had this case porten here, way off in the accretable J can entre eff the crushed deorway and gapped. Writin, bolles iry accurd, but not decorposed. All the circpes were thickly excruted with ice, perfectly preserved. And a wild use hit J can. He had heard before of space-cold freening mes, but to not dearly their it cated files a deprferen, without killing them. Could them min of det winnerder killing them. Could them min of det wayneded

"Nothing over happens in the asteroids!" Jon mammared in mockery of binself as he minocked his Atomic Heat Lamp from his belt and set the cells to produce enterness heat, warming up the intervet of the huge flying anneet. He waited breathlensly Would they

A faint globa sounded in the still air then there was a stir. . and abox the men were sitting wp, the melted water running off their bodies. They blobed beweldered, and Jon moticed name they were short-synd Orientals. and all were drawed in nullhary uniforms. There were a large number, perhaps a thou-

Soon, Jon was talking to their commander, who spake first in the ancient Oriental tongue. When Jon shook his heed, he switched to precise English of the variage of the twentieth mattern which for easily undertited.

"Where are we?" he asked, quite naturally. "Prepare for a shock," Jon said. "You're is the atternist, and it's the year 2261 A.D.!"

"Great Binddnif" sidd the commadder, grunned. "Over three hundlerd years in the future I but have did it happen? All we renarher is that our signed suitable and the side of the is that our signed suitable and the side of the thing we know we were Baning newy from Bath, into open the side of the were Hander Ther's the last we remember, till we woke up here."

Jon aupplied the rest. "Obviously, the spacecold frome all you men in deep-freese then, a sert of brung death. And your space station samply drifted on into the sizeroide and finally lands on X-44. Well, welcome to 2301. Genese you have to live here the test of your natural test."

The commander and his men all looked at each other in dambfoundment, but finally they shrunned, accepting their fate.

"But just who are you?" Jon asked curiousiy. "You have military military militarm. Were you a met of some war of that time?"

The commander draw humail up stilly. "I an Colonel Yong, of the North Korean armodi forcest Yes, in 1933, we were engaged in wer against the United Nations and America of that time." Yong's face agadently bacarne escited. "Tell me, who woa? You must know (Charined on issues hask cover)



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that, as part of history/"

Jon grinned, "You hos, Colonel Yong! In fact, before the end of that century, America and the free nations wiped up all you comjunits, and the world was free and democratic frem then on?"

"You lie!" snarled Yong, giving out a string of Oriental onthe. "How could the bloated, decedent capitalistic world win out against the mighty red star coslition of nations?"

"Year can can att all the ideological vubbink," Jon dravide bitingly. Alexandy he hated these man who had followed that ancient will cade of human slavery, "You and all your miquided Red allies got a thramping licking by the United Nations. If you dent believe no, wis all down in black-and-white in the history biolox. Devy that if your card".

Yong's shoulders alumped. "You mean . . . , you mean there is no such thing as glorious communism alive today?"

"Your glocious communism," ensered Jon, "is deader than yesterday's fish. In fast, today we have the United Worlds, similar to the United Nations, in which sill planets and worlds work together in freedom and harmory."

"United Worlds" said Yong, almost with a grown. This to him, Jon could are, was the crowning blow to his farce fanatician. "All the solar system wited in peace and freedom and boarted platocrasic decadence? By Badha. I with we had never reversed?"

"Fil report you to headquarters," Jee said, lawing "Til return with food and supplies. Yos'll be treated well and allowed to live anywhere you choose. That's a sample of our bleated divisoratis decadesce!"

When Join returned twenty-four space-bours later, towing a supply glider, he was suddenly saized by Colonal Yong and his men. "What's the meaning of this?" Jon demanded.

"You are our princer?" Yong hissed. "We still have huge military supplies here in our space station — guas, arronnings, even cecket planes. We are poing to sweep out and conduct the atterrisid, one by one! We will revive the great Red crussels and eventually emash your pideline United Works?"

for use against. Were thirty mid? But maybe not. The astrendst were all small, peaceful worlds, inhibited by usamed native races that the Reds could easily force into military duty, inder threat of torture or death. Also there were some big Earthing factories here and there that could be captured and made to produce weapons. Colonel Yong's mad dream might get going like a steamrollar and become a certima meanor!

Jon waldany jerkad loos and lexped one hundred devi into the air, in the asteroid's Light gravity, taking the Reds by surprise. In mid-let he polled his enzyens and assue down shouldes. They waited under his writhering free and ran into the astry of the space status. But then its wicked gams reward low. But then its wicked gams reward low. But then its wicked gams reward low.

Jon could not face them, and he leaged for his ship, rocketing away barely in time. Jon turned in spoos, his face grins and cold. "All right, you low-down commiss?" He mattered angrity. "Here I come! Fil show you some real fashing, of the twenty-third semury?

Like a one-cross errory, Jon spen his they cocketable deven at the space station on a power dive, his gauss spating. His ray-gau blasted holes in their heavy amorphase. His hast ray made mestal pour like water, and his ministure atraspace. Theore Nut through which these arrangements of a scale of it is it in a timetic arrangement. Theore Nut through which of 183.¹¹ [In premised, "they'll hand the ourverse full is on them?"

Boon, the whole flag of truce waved from the space station. They had radio, so Jon tuned them in. "Truce?" called Coiseal Yeeng. "Let us he reasonable, Jon Jarl. Let us meet and hold a Please Conference. I'm sure we can work out our problem (neether."

But Jon shock has beed. "You can't fool me," he spat back. "You Reds understand only one thing — a good *licking*! What I want is uncondimond nurredee!"

With this Jon circled and spun around their space station, laughing at their slow guns and weak vespeces. And all the while Jon perpered back, blasting their glant strenghold into a sceve.

A T LAST a white flag waved again. "Unconditional marcender?" cares in hollow, defeated teness from Yong. "I can see the United Worlds of 2261 cannot be fooled around with?"

"Brother, you can say that again?" Jon chortled. "Your fighting days are over, You guys will spend the rest of your lives in jait on Mars - also known as the Red Planet?"

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